# Memorial Avenue Streetscape and Utility Upgrades Project



The City is working with McElhanney Ltd to plan, design and oversee construction upgrades to aging underground water and sanitary sewer lines along Memorial Avenue, as well as improvements to the streetscape with the aim to maintain the historic street trees and enhance their health.

Parkville's most beautiful and historic streets, the 34 century-old elm trees which line the street were donated by a local women's organization to memorialize fallen veterans from around the Parksville area. Preserving the trees and their legacy is a priority of the project.

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grown into an important living monument of civic

participation and contribution. Known as one of

The project team has created an exciting and detailed website, memorialave.ca, with extensive history about Memorial Avenue, a project story map and technical information about the health of the street trees and road conditions.

The project schedule aims to complete the streetscape design in fall 2019 along with an engagement report detailing the consultation process and the public input collected. Construction should begin spring 2020. Questions about the project may be sent to memorialave@parksville.ca

#### **Memories on Memorial Walkshops – June 22**

The Memories on Memorial Walkshops on Saturday, June 22 will share the significant history of Memorial Avenue, review a recent assessment of the century-old elm trees and consider different streetscape design opportunities. The walkshops will encourage discussions about the community's values, vision and preferences for Memorial Avenue intended to inform the design process.

Walking tours will be offered at 10.30 am OR 12.30 pm. Tours are accessible and will begin and finish at the McMillan Arts Centre and include opportunities for residents to envision the future of Memorial Avenue. Tours will be facilitated by City staff and project consultants. Pre-registration is required at www.memorialave.ca

**WHO** Parksville residents

WHAT Memories on Memorial Walkshops

**WHEN** Saturday, June 22 – 10.30 am OR 12.30 pm

WHERE McMillan Arts Centre

WHY Engaging the community to shape future of MemorialHOW Pre-registration is required at *memorialave.ca* 

#### Online Survey until July 3

A short survey collecting input on the project may be accessed at *survey.memorialave.ca* or from a link on the City's website until July 3. The survey will collect input on how people use Memorial Avenue and opportunities for the future street design. Paper copies may be obtained from City Hall.

#### Memorial Community Design Workshop – July 10

The Memorial Avenue community design workshop will take participants through a step-by-step process to understand the opportunities and constraints, refine design ideas and develop preferred streetscape design options. Public input will assist the project team to develop a conceptual design for Memorial.

Pre-registration is required [Memorialave.ca]. Workshops will be held at the Parksville Community Centre at 1 pm OR 6 pm.

## **City Services**

#### **2018 Annual Report**

The annual report, a snapshot of accomplishments in 2018, will be formally presented to Council on July 15. The report will be available for review on our website [Quicklinks/Reports] and at the administration department on June 28. Residents may comment at the July 15 Council meeting or by email to info@parksville.ca.

#### **Parksville Canada Day Celebrations**

A full day of family fun with entertainment, activities, food vendors, artisans and fun rides for kids. July 1 celebrations start with Shiners pancake breakfast and end with Thrifty Foods fireworks. Parade starts at 10 am along Island Highway East (Pioneer Crescent to Craig Street). facebook.com/CanadaDayinParksville

#### **Property Taxes Due July 2**

2019 tax notices were mailed on May 24. Contact the City (250 248-6144) if you have not received your notice. Payments must be received and home owner grants must be claimed



by the due date of Tuesday, July 2 to avoid the 5% penalty. Grants must be claimed each year you are eligible by bringing the completed application to City Hall or by claiming the grant on the City's website [Online Services]. When making a payment at a bank or through online banking, please allow a minimum of two business days for bank processing time.

#### Our Favourite Flower Bed

Parksville is known for spectacular beaches and pristine gardens. Each year, the Pym Street flower bed at the corner of Pym Street and the Island Highway is a perfect example. This year's display was originally designed in 2008, when Parksville was named the world's fourth most beautiful town by Communities in Bloom. The design was modified and brought back as a reminder great things can be achieved when we work together. City employees planted over five thousand annual plants to achieve this unique entry to Parksville.

## **Things to Know**

Water Restriction Stage 2 – is in effect through September unless otherwise advised. With Stage 2, sprinkling can only occur on even days for even-numbered houses and on odd days for odd-numbered houses for a maximum of two hours between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm. [Quicklinks/Water Conservation]

Permissive Tax Exemptions - under the provisions of the Community Charter, Council may exempt land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes for the next calendar year, subject to certain requirements which in general, restrict exemption to non-profit organizations using the lands for specific non-profit purposes. Application deadline is noon, June 28. Details, form and policy may be obtained from City Hall or from the website [City Hall/Mayor and Council/Permissive Tax Exemptions].

### **City Dates**

June 20	Advisory Design Panel
June 20	Coffee with Mayor
June 22	Memorial Walkshops
July 1	Canada Day (offices closed)
July 2	Property taxes due
July 3	COTW (4pm) and Council Meeting
July 4	Coffee with Mayor
July 10	Memorial Workshop
July 15	Council Meeting
July 18	Coffee with Mayor
July 18	Advisory Design Panel

The public is encouraged to attend Council meetings held on the first and third Mondays of the month and may observe advisory committee meetings. Refer to the website for agendas, meeting highlights and minutes.

### **How To Reach Council**

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